THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Flood protection schemes are formulated, funded and executed by the State Governments from their plan resources. Central assistance is given to the State Plan on a whole and is not tied to any sector of activity or project. Central Government has set up an extensive flood forecasting network with 145 flood forecasting stations in the inter-State flood-prone-basins of the country.

New Welfare Schemes for Women

144. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new schemes proposed to be launched by Government for the welfare of women in the country during the current financial year;

(b) whether Government propose to make education free and compulsory for women; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Information is being collected.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Education is formulating a scheme for reimbursement of tuition fees for girls in classes IX to XII to the States and Union Territories beginning from the current financial year 1985-86. Education of girls upto class VIII is already free in most of the Government schools, local body and private (aided) schools in the country.

Assurance by DTC Chairman in Pushp Vihar Welfare Association regarding DTC routes

145. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Delhi Transport Corporation, in a meeting with the representative of the Pushp Vihar Sector III (Type II) Welfare Association on the 15th May, 1985 had assured that the D.T.C. will introduce two new routes between the Government Colony, Pushp Vihar, Sector III and New Delhi Railway Station and also Inter-State Bus Terminus and during the peak hours in the morning it will run two special trips on route No. 526 for the Kendriya Terminal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no action has so far been taken on these assurances; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not taking any action in the matter so far and by when the said assurances are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) On 15th May, 1985, a representative of the Association handed over a representation dated 22-3-1985, to the Chairman, D.T.C. However, neither any meeting with the representatives of the Association was held nor any assurance given.

(c) The Association in their representation has asked for introduction of two routes, one from Pushp Vihar Sector III to Central Secretariat and the other from Pushp Vihar Sector III to I.S.B.T. The matter has been examined by D.T.C. and it was found that Pushp Vihar Sector III is already connected with Central Sectt. by the services of routes No. 526 and